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1. A total of 39,500 Chinese reside in North Korea\* They are dispersed through the provinces in the following numbers:

Pyongyang	8,000	Chakang	4,500
South Pyongan	7,000	South Hamgyong	4,000
North Pyongan	6,000	North Hamgyong	5,000
Hwanghae	3,000	Kangwon	2,000

2. About thirty percent are engaged in vegetable farming, twenty percent operate restaurants or bakeries, fifteen percent are merchants, twenty percent are laborers, and the remaining fifteen percent pursue a variety of callings. The farmers have had some difficulty because of the limitation of size of farms since the land reform. Restaurants run by Chinese, on the other hand, are not subject to the restrictions which the government maintains over Korean establishments, but they are highly taxed.

3. In Pyongyang, next to the office of the Department of Justice, adjacent to Paek Son Haeng (白善行) Memorial Hall on the bank of the Taedong (大同) River, the building which was originally the U Ch'un Kwang (久春館) Restaurant and then during the Japanese occupation the Yi Pyong-hun (李丙勳) Hospital, was occupied about November 1949 by Chinese Communists, who established something like a military mission there. From the beginning of 1950, the mission began to take on the characteristics of an embassy, handling more and more general affairs for the Chinese. By late spring 1950, all Chinese residents of Pyongyang were subject to its direction. The staff also installed radio equipment and have been maintaining regular radio contacts with China. Contacts between staff members and North Korean leaders have also been frequent, but all this activity is carried out with an air of secrecy and no official announcements of its purpose have been made.\*\*

\* Comment. According to [redacted] in mid-June 1949 there were 21,092 Chinese residents in North Korea.

\*\* Comment. [redacted] for a description of Communist indoctrination of Chinese residents in North Korea

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